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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No 07-52)

Dear Commissioners:

As the Chairman of the House Business Committee my committee constantly sees the progress which Internet providers and the wireless industry have made with regards to investing in infrastructure. Idaho is a rural state, which makes it all the more difficult to build said infrastructure. It is important we do everything we can to help encourage the Internet and wireless providers to continue to invest and grow in the future. Network expansion could be put at risk by the proposed net neutrality regulations you are about to consider. Adding needless regulation on industry will cause cutbacks and delay universal service.

It is important for you to focus on keeping the regulatory path clear so companies will continue investing in and building out the internet. The Obama Administration's stated goal of providing broadband access to all Americans is an excellent one because it would meet a real need. Government regulations could threaten a pro-consumer industry which is thriving through a struggling economy.

I urge you to resist the urge to regulate Internet services and allow companies to continue to invest and compete. This is the best way to reach the Administration's goal of 100% broadband access while also assisting to restore our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max C. Black".

Representative Max C. Black